Railway claims for pilferage of foodgrains

1133. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of claims for pilferage of foodgrains received during the last two years;

(b) how many of them have since been settled, alongwith the amount of compensation paid to the claimants; and

(c) the number of cases wherein responsibility for the pilferage has been fixed on the staff and the action taken against them during that period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) A Statement is attached. (*See* below)

(c) Responsibility on the staff was fixed in 26 cases during the year 2000-2001 and in 12 cases during the year 2001-2002. Necessary action is taken under the Discipline and Appeal Rules.

Statement

Railway claims for pilferage of foodgrains

Year	No. of Claims received	No.of Claims Settled	Amount paid (in lacs)
2001-2002	3075	2343	206.70
2000-2001	1761	1119	121-99
Total	4836	3462	328.69

Transfer policy in Ministry of Railways

†1134. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the transfer policy of his Ministry in respect of officers/ employees working therein;

(b) whether it is a fact that above rules are not applicable on officers and employees working on Jaunpur (City), Jaunpur, Varanasi, Mughalsarai,

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Allahabad, New Delhi, Old Delhi, Nizamuddin, Kalyan, Mumbai Central, Churchgate, V.T. Stations etc., who are posted at one place/post since long; and

(c) by when the proper/timely implementation of transfer rules would be ensured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Railway employees holding sensitive posts and who frequently come into contact with public and/or contractors/ suppliers are required to be transferred every four years. In order to avoid large scale dislocation of staff, periodical transfer are, as far as possible, effected without involving a change of residence of the staff concerned, so long as the fundamental objective of sch transfers can be achieved by transferring such staff to a different location in the same station or to a different station in the same urban agglomeration. However, staff detected to be indulging in malpractices or having figured in substantiated vigilance cases are required to be transferred on inter-divisional/inter-railway basis.

similarly, tenure of posting of officers working on the Zonal Railways in the same post should not exceed four years. No fixed tenure has been prescribed for stay at a particular station.

(b) and (c) The above transfer policy is applicable to officers and employees working on all Zonal Railways including Jaunpur (City), Jaunpur, Varanasi, Mughalsarai, Alllahabad, New Delhi, Old Delhi, Nizamuddin, Kalyan, Mumbai Central, Churchgate, V.T. Stations, etc. Implementation of transfer policy is a continuous process.

Inter-City Train between Bhubaneswar and Visakhapatnam

1135. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Orissa Government has written to his Ministry for introduction of an Inter-city Express train between Bhubaneswar and Visakhapatnam as there is no direct train originating from Bhubaneswar to Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether this request has been made for development of trade between Orissa and Andhra Pradesh; and